of the percentage of people living below the poverty line for the same year is worked out as 16.82 per cent on the basis of the methodoloy outlined in the report of the Task Force on Projections of Minimum Needs and Effective Consumption Demand.

(c) The estimates of poverty based on official methodology changes the allocation to the State on those counts which use the number of poor as a criterion for allocation.

Wastage of money by academic Institution

3916. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain academic institutions which took crores of rupees to pursue research activities have practically achieved nothing even after lapse of almost three years and have been asking for more funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof, institution-wise amount of funds and the manner in which funds were utilised;

(c) what is the Government's reaction with regard to the functioning of these academic institutions; and

(d) whether Government propose to allocate more funds to these institutions, stating the amount to be allocated and the reasons therefor, in view of there performance and achievements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) No, Sir. The output of the Institutions supported under the Scheme of Grant-in-aid to Universities/ Research Institutions is regularly monitored.

(b) to (d) do not arise.

Decline in job opportunities for women after liberalisation

3917. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether job opportunities declined after the liberalisation as per survey carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation;

(b) whether it had an adverse effect on the interests of women as it could give them only short term employment, instead of permanent employment;

(c) whether the number of job seeking women had gone up during the period; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to solve their employment problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) According to data available from last two surveys, namely, 48th (1987-88) and 50th (1993-94) Rounds of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), Unemployment Rates for Male and Female in Rural and Urban areas have been as under:

	1987-88			1993-94		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Unemployment Rate						
UPS Rural	2.87	3.52	3.07	1.96	1.40	1.79
Urban	6.07	8.77	6.56	4.54	8.21	5.21
Total	3.60	4.19	3.77	2.60	2.44	2.56
CDS Rural	4.58	6.91	5.25	5.64	5.55	5.61
Urban	8.79	12.00	9.36	6.72	10.52	7.43
Total	5.54	7.61	6.09	5.91	6.33	6.03

Note: UPS - Usual Principal Status.
CDS - Current Daily Status.